## DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-103

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: News Media Notice Required by Anderson v. Butz Regulations

REFERENCE:

Emergency regulations transmitted to you in an all-county letter dated June 4, 1976, added EAS Section 50-005. These regulations were designed to comply with the court decision in <u>Anderson</u> v.

<u>Butz.</u> In that case the court ruled it necessary to exclude Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing allowances and subsidies from consideration as income for food stamp purposes. (See Sections 63-2262.10 and 63-2263.74).

Your role in implementing this decision includes providing notice through the news media to "households not presently participating, but which may be eligible for retroactive benefits or refunds due to their having participated or applied for participation on or after October 8, 1975" (Section 50-005.1).

Attached is a sample release for your use.

Sincerely,

John H. Sulfivan

Public Information

916-322-2612

Attachment

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## Butz v. Anderson

## SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

People living in government subsidized housing who applied for food stamps in the past nine months and were turned down may be eligible after all, (County spokesperson, title) said today.

A recent court decision (Anderson v. Butz) held that housing benefits have been counted incorrectly in determining food stamp benefits and eligibility.

The court ruled that food stamp benefits must be refigured for all persons who receive government aid for house payments or rent and that correct food stamp benefits must be provided to those who received less than they should have.

People living in subsidized housing who applied for food stamps on or after October 8, 1975, and were turned down should contact

Food stamp benefits will automatically be refigured for residents of subsidized housing who are currently using food stamps.

Those who used food stamps during the past nine months but are not using them now, should also contact their local welfare office. They may be eligible for more stamps or a refund of some of the money they paid for food stamps.